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The Honorable Edward P. Boland
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Room 2426, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my 19 December 1979 comments to you, I indicated that I would report further on the feasibility of creating a single Community-wide bibliographic system. Progress has been made during the past year.

A bibliographic storage and retrieval study group of the Information Handling Committee (IHC) of the NFIB consisting of government and contractor personnel was convened in June 1979 by C/IHC to determine the feasibility of a January 1979 CIA proposal. This proposal recommended that the IHC sponsor a study in depth of the Community's bibliographic and document retrieval requirements with the purpose of determining whether the CIA RECON and ADSTAR systems could serve as Community systems. It also recommended that, upon demonstration of the desirability and economy of centralizing such services, RECON and ADSTAR be adopted in configurations most closely meeting the requirements of the Community. Funding was to be provided to CIA by user agencies to support administration of the RECON and ADSTAR systems. A contractor-generated document addressing these recommendations is in review by the study group and others. A recommendation of the study group, based upon the contractor's final document, will subsequently be presented to the IHC for review.

If the above CIA proposal is accepted in some form by the IHC, the next step will be to determine the Community's detailed requirements. Although the contractor is expected to demonstrate in its final document that the CIA RECON data base is the most useful single bibliographic index system available in the Community today, detailed Community member bibliographic system requirements have not yet been determined. In early 1979 an IHC-sponsored statistical analysis of Analyst Support provided general information requirements of intelligence production analysts. It did not, however, provide in-depth requirements of Community analysts needs for a Community-wide bibliographic system.

Due to security considerations a Community system as considered above could include much, but not all, of the information in CIA RECON. It should be noted that the CIA currently provides about 15% of the information now in CIA RECON to COINS by means of bi-weekly updates. A large segment of this 15% is community finished intelligence.

Thank you for your interest in this effort.

Sincerely,

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